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Reissue of)
Patent No.	:	5,853,308)
Issued	:	December 29, 1998)
For	:	<u>ENGINE AND EXHAUST SYSTEM FOR WATERCRAFT</u>)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned inventors hereby declare that:

1. Our residence, Post Office address and citizenship are stated below next to our names.
2. We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,853,308 ("the '308 patent"), issued December 29, 1998, and of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the accompanying reissue application.
3. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification (including the claims) of the present reissue application (Serial No. 09/474867, filed December 29, 1999), the preliminary amendment filed September 6, 2000, the amendment filed April 6, 2001, and the amendment filed herewith in response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2001.

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4. We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) of Japanese Patent Application Nos. Hei-5-247947 filed October 4, 1993 and Hei 5-261186 filed October 19, 1993.

5. We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56. In compliance with this duty and in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98, an Information Disclosure Statement was filed with the reissue application.

6. On information and belief, all errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of the filing of the present declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicants.

7. We have read and understand the foregoing statements of this Declaration. We declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title

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18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issuing information.

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